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1. OCTOBER 17 INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING WAS DISCUSSED BY USAID DIR WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE, NGON SANANIKONE (VIENTIANE SIDE), SEPTEMBER 5; AND WITH MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY/PLAN, SOTH PHETRASY (PATHET LAO), SEPTEMBER 9. BOTH MINISTERS DECLARED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF SUCH MEETING AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LAOS GROUP OR SUB-GROUP WOULD BE ORGANIZED.

2. SOTH PHETRASY MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A) DURING RECENT VISIT OF IBRD'S BANETH, BOTH HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER, PHOUMI VONGVICHIT (PATHET LAO), HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUBJECT MEETING AND PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA PRIOR HIS HEART ATTACK HAD EXPRESSED HIMSELF FAVORABLE TO SUCH A MEETING AND IT IS KNOWN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT CHANGED HIS MIND.

B) FORMATION OF LAOS GROUP IN FIRST INSTANCE IS RESPONSIBILITY OF INTERESTED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DONOR COUNTRIES AND PGNU IS WILLING WORK AND COOPERATE WITH SUCH A GROUP.

C) LAOS IS AT PEACE, HAS GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, IS INDEPENDENT; HENCE PROBLEMS OF WAR IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA SHOULD NOT DELAY FORMATION LAOS GROUP OR SUB-GROUP DURING FORTHCOMING INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING.

3. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY/PLAN, WE HAVE GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO FORMATION OF LAOS GROUP OR SUB-GROUP, THAT IN FACT THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF FORMATION OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION UNDER ASSUMPTION THIS MULTILATERAL GROUP WOULD DEAL WITH THE PGNU DIRECTLY.
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